

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill would establish a framework for tastings at state-owned and operated liquor stores. The bill sets limits on servings based on the same requirements currently in place for distilleries. The bill also defines those limits for the purposes of tastings, as well as how the alcohol can be served and who serves it.

This legislation is similar to prior legislation introduced in 2019 and earlier this legislative session, with three key differences. First, contract stores would not be allowed to host tastings. Second, the state enforcement agency, Alcohol Beverage Control, would have to be notified prior to any tasting so they are aware an event is happening and can administer the oversight they deem necessary. Third, the Idaho State Liquor Division would be prohibited from marketing the tastings.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the State or local governments because samplings allowed under this bill are at the sole expense of the supplier. The supplier must provide both the staffing and the products to be used.

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